

**NONPROVISIONAL PATENT APPLICATION**

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b) is the nonprovisional patent application

For (Title): PROJECTION OPTICAL SYSTEM AND EXPOSURE APPARATUS EQUIPPED WITH  
 THE PROJECTION OPTICAL SYSTEM

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- ☒ Formal drawings (Figs. 1-9; 9 sheets) are attached.
- ☒ Use Figure 3 for front page of Publication.
- ☒ A Declaration and Power of Attorney is filed herewith.
- ☐ This application claims benefit of Provisional Application No. \_\_\_\_\_ filed \_\_\_\_\_.
- (A Preliminary Amendment is attached to reflect this claim in the Specification if not already present.)
- ☒ This patent application is assigned to Nikon Corporation.
- ☒ The executed Assignment is filed herewith.
- ☒ An Information Disclosure Statement is filed herewith.
- ☐ Entitlement to small entity status is hereby asserted.
- ☒ A Preliminary Amendment is filed herewith.
- Priority of foreign applications No. 2002-305211 filed October 21, 2002 in Japan is claimed (35 U.S.C. §119).
- ☒ A certified copy of the above corresponding foreign applications is filed herewith.
- ☐ This application is NOT to be published under 35 U.S.C. 112(b). The undersigned attorney or agent hereby certifies that the invention disclosed in this application has not been and will not be the subject of an application filed in another country, or under a multilateral international agreement, that requires publication at eighteen months after filing.
- ☒ The filing fee is calculated below:

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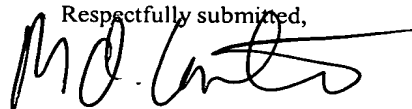
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Respectfully submitted,



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